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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98 and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

**U.S. PATENTS:**

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
5,179,548	01-12-93	Niranjan B. Sandesera
5,218,604	06-08-93	Joseph Sosnosky
5,327,427	07-05-94	Niranjan B. Sandesera
5,390,164	02-14-95	Wilhelm Kremer
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5,406,549	04-11-95	Wilhelm Kremer
5,440,540	08-08-95	Wilhelm Kremer

**NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS:**

1. ITU-T G.841, entitled "Types and Characteristics of SDH Network Protection Architectures," dated 10/98
2. ITU-T G.842, entitled "Interworking of SDH network protection architectures," dated 4/97
3. GR-1400-CORE, entitled "SONET Dual-Fed Unidirectional Path Switched Ring (UPSR) Equipment Generic Criteria," Issue 2, dated 1/99
4. GR-1230-CORE, entitled "SONET Bidirectional Line-Switched Ring Equipment Generic Criteria," Issue 4, dated 12/98
5. "Self-Healing Rings in a Synchronous Environment," dated 11/91, by Izaz Haque, Wilhelm Kremer and Kamal Raychaudhuri
6. "SONET Ring Applications for Survivable Fiber Loop Networks," dated 6/91, by Joseph Sosnosky and Tsong-Ho Wu

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached Form SB/08/a and copies of the non-published documents are also enclosed herewith. This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art. Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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